**Meningitis in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh**

360. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases of Meningitis have been reported during the last six months in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the total number of cases reported during the same period; and

(c) what are the arrangements made by Government to provide adequate medical treatment in Government Hospitals in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) As per reports received from the health authorities of Uttar Pradesh and Delhi, the number of Meningitis cases occurred during 1987 and 1988 is as under:—

| | 1987 | 1988 |
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| Uttar Pradesh | 29 | 94 (upto March 1988) |
| Delhi | 3061 | 943 (upto April, 1988) |

(c) The Government is taking appropriate measures to monitor and control the disease by detecting the cases of Meningitis and treating them with proper antibiotics such as pencillin|Chloromphenical etc. to reduce mortality. The Medical Officers in School Health Programme are also taking special care in detecting cases among school children. The close contacts of the confirmed cases are being treated with demoprophylactic agent i.e. Sulphadiazine. Antibiotics are also advocated for carriers to eradicate the carrier state. Mass chemoprophylaxic is recommended for close and medically supervised communities and immunisation with Meningococal vaccine is advised for high risk groups in the event of outbreaks.

**Efficiency and professionalism in the Management of Air India and Indian Airlines**

361. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's plant to introduce efficiency and professionalism in the management of Air India and Indian Airlines by appointing leading industrialists and other business giants in the board is reading for failure as some of the members have shown desire to quit from the board; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take as an alternative to keep the efficiency and better performance in Indian Airlines and Air India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.